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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS: *NATIVE AMERICAN BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES*

First of Two Sessions Features “Love Medicine” by Louise Erdrich

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library is proud to announce a Native American Book Discussion series. This inaugural year, the focus will be placed on two acclaimed novels: Louise Erdrich’s *Love Medicine*, and Sherman Alexie’s *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*. Leading San Diego State University Native American studies scholars Dr. Joanna Brooks and Dr. David Kamper will facilitate the discussions, which take place at 6:30 pm on Mondays, November 7 and 28 in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Dr. Brooks will facilitate *Love Medicine*.

Love Medicine is an original multigenerational saga of two extended families who live on and around a Chippewa (aka Ojibwa) reservation in North Dakota. Each chapter is narrated in a memorable voice like the one of Lipsha Morrissey, a young man who is believed to have “the touch,” with which he attempts to bring his wandering grandfather back to his long-suffering grandmother with a love medicine made from goose hearts. Drawing from Ojibwa myths, story-telling technique, and culture, the novel also places us right inside the heads of Erdrich’s remarkable characters, allowing us to feel the despair that insensitive government policies, poverty, and alcoholism have brought them.

The Native American Book Discussion is part of an ongoing *American Book Discussion* series. The meetings allow a brief exploration of literary works that demonstrate our shared experiences; the importance of such works is evident. Look for the discussions to continue throughout the year and to include literature about and by African Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders, women and still others who have created this history of America.

Read the book and take advantage of this unique opportunity to discuss the work with a scholar. Copies are available throughout the San Diego Public Library system; card-holders may visit any of our facilities or place “holds” on the titles online with their library account and PIN to have them sent to any San Diego Public Library location.

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